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FOREIGN TELEGRAMS.

London, Dec. 19.

The Russian newspapers are adopting an alarmist tone respecting the Russo-Japanese negotiations, some even demanding war rather than yield to Japanese demands regarding the fisheries and coasting rights, but it is not believed that anything in the dispute is not solvable by negotiation or arbitration.

The Times Peking correspondent says that China, in agreement with Russia, opens on the 14th January Changshun, Kirin and Harbin and Manchuria to international trade, and residence.

Two bombs were to-day thrown at M. Chrzanowski, chief of the police at Lodz, while driving in a carriage escorted by six dragoons. The carriage was smashed, the horse killed and the driver, a policeman and two dragoons mortally wounded. M. Chrzanowski was only slightly wounded. His assailants escaped by firing their revolvers.

Several big nuggets of gold have been discovered near Taragulla, Victoria, and two were unearthed yesterday, weighing 373 and 967 ounces, respectively.

London, Dec. 20.

The Imperial Department of Health at Berlin publishes detailed reports of Dr. Kock's sleeping sickness cure claiming the success of the atoxyl serum. It attributes to the Englishmen, Drs. Gray and Greig, a share in the discovery.

Moorish troops commanded by Guebbas, Minister of War, and MacLean arrive tomorrow in camp outside Tangier within the district of Rall Raisali whose dismissal is again demanded by the Powers owing to his merciless public floggings.

The Times Tokio correspondent states that a new shipping company already possessing fleet of 150,000 tons has been formed in Japan with a capital of two millions sterling with branches in Java, Hongkong, Manila and India.

The Hamburg American steamer *Princess Victoria Luisa* with American tourists struck the rocks off Jamaica and became a total wreck. The Captain was without a pilot and mistook his course. He has since committed suicide. The passengers have all been safely landed.

The steamer *Socrell* loading cotton blew up at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

A score of persons, mostly negroes, were killed and a dozen injured.

Calcutta, Dec. 21.

The following further orders have been issued regarding the military guards and escorts for the Amir. At Aligarh, Cawnpore, Ajmere, Howrah and Bombay Guards of Honour of 100 Indian Infantry under a British Officer will attend. Indian Cavalry escorts will be provided except at Bombay, where a full regiment will be provided, and at Cawnpore, where His Highness will visit the factories by motor car. Salutes of 21 guns will be fired on arrival and departure from Calcutta and Bombay. The police will find the necessary guards at Sahagpur shooting camp.

London, Dec. 21.

The Ministerialist speeches in the Commons last night were expressive of bitter resentment at the attitude of Mr. Balfour, who was absent and in bed with influenza.

Mr. Birrell said it was irritating and mortifying that the first fruits of the General Election had been recklessly destroyed at the bidding of Mr. Balfour. He declared that the existing law would be administered fearlessly with bloodless indifference except to see that the law was observed.

The Bishops of London and Southwark, in view of the failure of the Education Bill, appeal for fifty thousands pounds to bring up voluntary schools to modern standards.

A Morning Post telegram from Washington states that Mr. Bryce, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has been appointed British Ambassador in place of Sir Mortimer Durand.

Signor Pansa has been appointed Italian Ambassador at Berlin.

A great fire has taken place at Harbin and destroyed a huge building of the Amur district general staff and many shops and warehouses.

London, Dec. 22.

The Shah of Persia is in a very unsatisfactory condition. The Crown Prince has been appointed Regent.

London, Dec. 23.

The Shah at four this afternoon was sinking rapidly.

London, Dec. 22.

The London Gazette announces that Lord Selborne has been re-appointed Governor of the Transvaal.

London, Dec. 21.

The Times Peking correspondent states that Taiksihar will also be opened to foreign trade and residence.

London, Dec. 22.

Nanning on the West River in China has been added to the open towns.

The Conservative *Reichsbote* declares that the first task of the new Reichstag will be vigorous naval programme.

In the course of a debate on the navy, M. Thomson, Minister of Marine, stated that half the new warships will be fitted with turbines.

Professor Maitland is dead.

London, Dec. 24.

A Spanish telegram states that the Moorish pretender was victorious in recent fighting with the Kabyles and seeks to support the Riffs in an attack on the Imperial army.

The assassination of Count Ignatieff and the attempt on Admiral Dubassov's life lately is believed to have been carried out by the emissaries of the party which recently resolved to attempt the lives of the highest in the land.

The Liberal papers in Russia emphasize the horrible ferocity and endlessness of the battle waging between the Government and the Extremists, 57 of whom have been tried by drum-head court-martial and 43 executed for political outrages during the past week.

London, Dec. 25.

The court martial on Admiral Niebogotoff and 77 officers, who surrendered at Tsushima, has sentenced to death Niebogotoff and the Commanders of the battleships *Apraxine*, *Seniavin* and *Nicholas I.* but in view of extenuating circumstances and their long and blameless service asks the Tsar to commute the sentence to ten years' imprisonment in a fortress. Four others have been sentenced to two and four to one month's imprisonment in a fortress, and the rest are acquitted.



EDITORIAL NOTES.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Alone, by the dying embers,
We sat there—he and I—
With the dull red light on our faces,
The hoary "Old year" and I.

He spoke not a word, but he showed me,
A book on whose pages so wide,
I had writ my past deeds, all unwitting,
In letters that aye should abide.

The whimpering wind in the chimney
Gave voice to my heart's dumb pain,
As I read of the golden days bartered
For a worse than worthless gain.

How many a priceless jewel
I had sold for a glittering toy!
How often exchanged for a moment of mirth
An hour of true heart joy!

I longed to tear out the pages
With all their accusing tale,
And still the wind in the chimney
Sang ever its ceaseless wail.

With finger that never hastened
He traced out line upon line,
Till my eyes grew dim with the presence
Of something like blistering brine.

And now a breathless stillness
Filled heaven and earth below,
The old clock struck, the book was closed
And the year had turned to go.

"Oh stay" I faltered "let me have
One page to fill aright"
He was gone with the book and the embers
Burned on with their dull red light.

But there in its place, a new volume
I saw, with pages all clear.
I clatched it with eager fingers,
And praying, let fall a tear.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

TOPICS SUGGESTED FOR UNIVERSAL AND UNITED PRAYER,
SUNDAY, JANUARY 6th, to SUNDAY, JANUARY 13th, 1907.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 6th 1907.

TOPICS FOR SERMONS OR ADDRESSES.

"PROVE Me new herewith saith the Lord of Hosts, if I
will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out
a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive
it."—Malachi iii. 10.

"PRAY for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free
course and be glorified."—2. Thess. iii. 1.

"IF two of you shall agree on earth as touching any-
thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My
Father which is in heaven."—Matt. xviii. 19.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1907.

THANKSGIVING AND HUMILIATION.

THANKSGIVING: For the wide door opened in so
many lands for Bible circulation and for evangelizing. For
the large number of Christian agencies at work, both at
home and abroad; for recent revival in various parts of the
world; for peace restored in the Far East and for its pre-
servation among other nations; for quickened interest in
social well-being.

HUMILIATION: On account of widespread apathy
in respect to the things which are Jesus Christ's; the lack
of personal consecration and self-denial among professing
Christians; the prevalent love of money and habits of luxury;
the injury done to the Cause of Christ by the inconsistent
lives of His people; and on account of rivalry and sec-
tarianism among the Churches.

SCRIPTURE READINGS.

Psalm 1: 7-15. Psalm C. Daniel ix. 3-9 1 Thess. iii. 5-13.
2 Thess. i. James iv. 1-10.

TUESDAY JANUARY 8th, 1907.

THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL. PRAISE & PRAYER FOR THE "ONE BODY"
OF WHICH CHRIST IS THE HEAD.

PRAISE: For the widening sphere of the Church's
testimony; for its real unity in spiritual life underneath all
outward division; for recent efforts at co-operation and
manifested unity among different sections of the Church;
for every sign better understanding and more cordial
appreciation of each other's work.

PRAYER: For a wider outpouring of the Holy Spirit,
leading to an increase of brotherly love amongst Christians
and for the increased attention of ministers and Churches
to the fundamental truths of revelation; for a fuller recogni-
tion of the Oneness in Christ of all the living members of
His Church; for the dedication to Christ's service of wealth
and scholarship; for wealth and scholarship; for deepened
reverence to the Word of God and its closer study by Chris-
tians in all lands; for wisdom to be given to all directors
of Missions; for all Pastors, Teachers and Evangelists.

SCRIPTURE READINGS.

Psalm cxxxii. Isaiah lvi. 15-20 John xvii. Phil i. 1-11.
James v. 12-20. Jude 20-25.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1907.

NATIONS AND THEIR RULERS.

PRAYER: For Divine Guidance to all Rulers, their
Ministers and Councils, that they may seek the good of the
people and rule in the fear of God; for Parliaments and

Legislators, that they may devise salutary laws; for Judges and Magistrates that they may administer the law without respect of persons; for the increase of contentment, liberty and mutual good will; for considerate treatment of subject races; for a higher ideal of national life; temperance, purity, and a solution of labour problems; for rich and poor; for soldiers and sailors; for the Press and for all those who guide public opinion.

SCRIPTURE READINGS.

1 Chron. xvi: 23-36. Psalm xvii. Acts xvii. 22-31. 1 Timothy ii. 1-8. 1 Peter iii. 8-17.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1907.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

THANKSGIVING: For progress made during last year; new stations opened, and native Churches strengthened; for protection of Missionaries in peril, and fidelity of native Christians under persecution; for educated young men and women volunteering for the mission-field; and for the growing readiness of the Churches to bine their forces in the field.

PRAYER: That the Church may realise its vocation to preach the Gospel to every creature; that public events may be overruled to further the spread of Christian truth; for the success of all agents, male and female, native or foreign; for young Churches and recent converts, their growth in holiness, and unity; Zeal, medical and educational work in connection with Foreign Missions; and for those who superintend such work at home.

INTERCESSION: For special Fields of labour and those engaged in them, as circumstances may suggest.

SCRIPTURE READINGS.

Isaiah lv. Matt. xxviii. 16-20. Mark xvi. 14-20. Rom. ix. 4-15; xv. 8-21. 1 Thess. ii. 1-13.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1907.

FAMILIES EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS, AND THE YOUNG.

PRAYER: For the purity of family life and the revival of piety in the home; that parents may realise their responsibility for the Christian instruction of their children; for Professors and Teachers in Universities, Colleges and Schools; for all Sunday Schools, Societies of Christian Endeavour, Bible Classes, Boys' Brigades, and all forms of Christian work among young men and young women and children; for the safeguarding of purity and of faith in the youth of both sexes, especially such as are away from home.

SCRIPTURE READINGS.

Psalms xxxiv; lxxviii. 1-8; cxliv. Matt. xviii. 1-14. Mark x. 13-22. 2 John.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1907.

HOME MISSIONS AND THE JEWS.

PRAYER: For every effort wisely put forth to carry the Gospel to the classes that are alienated from it; to counteract scepticism and indifference; to safeguard the national observance of the Lord's Day; to arrest intemperance and gambling; or to purify and brighten the homes of the people; for a re-awakening in the public conscience with respect to the guilt of sin; for Scripture Readers, Bible Women and Missionaries in city, town or country; for hospitals, reformatories, settlements and labour colonies.

INTERCESSION: For members of the Hebrew race under oppression and for a better feeling towards them in European lands where they are still harshly treated; Prayer for all Societies and workers who seek to win them to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as their Messiah.

SCRIPTURE READINGS.

Psalms cxvii. Isaiah lxii. Zech. x. Rom. x. 1-13. 1 Cor. iii. 5-15. Eph. iv. 1-13.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13th, 1907.

TOPICS FOR SERMONS OR ADDRESSES.

"He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new."—Rev. xxi. 5. "It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you; but, if I depart, I will send Him unto you, And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment."—John xvi. 7-8.

"IT IS NOT MY BUSINESS."

A wealthy man in St. Louis was asked to aid in a series of temperance meetings, but he scornfully refused. Being pressed, he said:

"Gentlemen, it is not my business."

A few days later, his wife and two daughters were coming home on the lightning express. In this grand carriage with liveried attendants he rode to the depot, thinking of his splendid business and planning for the morrow. Hark! Did some one say "Accident?" There are twenty-five railroads centering in St. Louis. If there has been an accident, it is not likely to have occurred on the——— and Mississippi Railroad. Yet it troubles him. It is his business now. The horses are stopped on the instant, and on inquiry he finds that the accident has occurred twenty-five miles distant on the——— and Mississippi. He telegraphs to the superintendent:

"I will give you \$500 for an engine." The answer flashes back, "No!"

"I will give you \$1,000 for an engine."

"A train with surgeons and nurses has already gone forward, and we have no other."

With white face and anxious brow, the man paced the station to and fro. In a half hour, perhaps, which seemed to him a half century, the train arrived. He hurried toward it, and in the tender found the mangled bodies and lifeless forms of his wife and one of his daughters. In the car following lay the other daughter, with her dainty ribs crushed in, and her precious life oozing slowly away.

A quart of whiskey, which was drunk fifty miles away by a railroad employe, was the cause of the catastrophe.

Who dare say of this tremendous question, "It is not my business?"—Exchange.

A CURE FOR DISSENSION.

THE most fruitful source of dissension and ill-natured arguments is not bad temper not stubbornness, but a failure of those who wrangle to understand each other.



The story is told of two strangers who met and fell into conversation. Finally one of them dropped the startling remark that it was his opinion that the aborigines ought to be exterminated. The other immediately took issue with him, and in a few minutes they were in the midst of a heated quarrel. By and by the one who had begun the discussion seemed to be growing very much perplexed by some of the things his companion was saying, and broke in with, "Er—by the way what *are* aborigines anyway?"

"Why, as we use the word, it means the American Indians," said his companion with much astonishment.

"Oh, I didn't know," was the meek reply. "I sort of *thought*, though, they were a kind of buffalo."

A good many "religion" discussions would have melted into nothingness if those who participated in them had stopped long enough for each to catch the other's meaning.

SELECT READINGS.

The world delights in sunny people.—Henry Drummond.

We may have help from above to conquer enemies below.

The higher we look into divinity the deeper we look into humanity.

In matters of conscience, first thoughts are best; in matters of prudence, last thought are best.

If you want something that will light the lamps in your heart, try to win and hold the love of children.

There are prayers that break the back of words: they are too heavy for any human language to carry.—C. H. Spurgeon.

Where Christ brings his cross he brings his presence, and where he is none are desolate, and there is no room for despair.

Nobody has any right to find life uninteresting or unrewarding who sees within the sphere of his own activity a wrong he can help to remedy or within himself an evil he can hope to overcome.

When we turn away from some duty or some fellow creatures, saying that our hearts are too sick and sore with some great yearnings of our own, we may often sever the line on which a divine message was coming to us.—Annie Keary.

Christ wishes none who accept him to be secret about it. He calls for confession of faith. He commands it. He blesses it. It may be doubted that one has faith who is not willing to acknowledge it. "With the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

THE LITTLE STRANGER.

As Dr. Byron was passing into the house he was accosted by a little boy, who asked him if he wanted vegetables. The doctor inquired if such a tiny thing was a marketman. "No, sir; my father is," was the prompt answer. The doctor said, "Bring me in some squashes," and passed into the house, sending out the price. In a few minutes the child returned, bringing back the change the doctor told him he was welcome to it; but the boy would not take it back, saying his father would blame him. Such singular manners in a child attracted the doctor's attention, and he began to examine him attentively; he was evidently poor, his little jacket was pieced and patched with almost every kind of cloth, and his trousers darned with so many colors it was difficult to tell the original fabric, but scrupulously neat and clean within. The boy very quietly endured the scrutiny of the doctor, who, holding him at arm's length, and examining his face, at length said:

"You seem a nice little boy; would you come and live with me, and be a doctor?"

"Yes, sir," said the child.

"Spoken like a man," said the doctor, patting him as he dismissed him.

A few weeks passed on, when one day Jim came to say that downstairs there was a little boy with a bundle, who wanted to see the doctor, and would not tell his business to any one else. "Send him up," was the answer; and in a few moments he recognized the boy of the squashes (but no squash himself, as we shall see); he was dressed in a new, though coarse, suit of clothes, his hair very nicely combed, his shoes brushed up, and a little bundle tied in a homespun checked handkerchief on his arm. Deliberately taking off his cap, and laying it down with his bundle, he walked up to the doctor, saying:

"I have come, sir."

"Come for what, my child?"

"To live with you and be a doctor," said the boy, with the utmost naivete.

The first impulse of the doctor was to laugh immoderately; but the imperturbable gravity of the little boy rather sobered him, as he recalled, too, his former conversation, and reflected that he felt he needed no addition to his family.

"Did your father consent to your coming?" he asked.

"Yes, sir."

"What did he say?"

"I told him you wanted me to come and live with you, and be a doctor; and he said you was a very good man, and I might come as soon as my clothes were ready."

"And your mother, what did she say?"

"She said Dr. Byron would do just what he said he would, and God had provided for me. And," continued he, "I have

a new suit of clothes," surveying himself, "and here is another in the bundle," undoing the handkerchief and displaying them, with two little shirts as white as snow and a couple of neat, checked aprons, so carefully folded it was plain none but a mother would have done it. The sensibilities of the doctor were awakened to see the fearless, the undoubting trust with which that poor couple had bestowed their child upon him—and such a child! He thought of Moses in the bulrushes, and of the child that was carried into Egypt, and that the divine Saviour had said, "Suffer little children"; and he talked to his wife and they received the child to their hearts and home. It did not then occur to them that one of the most eminent physicians and best men of the age stood before them in the person of that child; it did not occur to them that this little creature, thus thrown upon their charity, was destined to be their staff and stay in declining age—a protector to their daughters, a more than son too themselves; all this was then unrevealed; but if ever beneficence was rewarded, it was in this instance.

GODDESS OF THE MOUNTAIN.

DISCOVERY OF A REMARKABLE SHRINE IN EGYPT

Monieur E. Neville and Mr. C. T. Currelly, of the Egypt Exploration Fund, give a most interesting account in the *Times* of the discovery in the temple at Thebes, upon which they have been engaged for two years, of a shrine of Hathor.

The chapel, they say, is about 10 ft. long and 5 ft. wide. The roof is vaulted, painted in blue with yellow stars. This chapel is dedicated to Hathor, the goddess of the mountain of the West, who generally has the form of a cow. The goddess has not left her sanctuary. In the chapel is a beautiful cow of life size, in painted limestone, reddish brown with black spots. The head, horns, and flanks have evidently been overlaid with gold. The neck is adorned with papyrus stems and flowers, as if she were coming out of the water. She is suckling a little boy, who is again represented as a growing man, under her neck. The cartouche behind the head is that of Amenophis II., the son of Thothmes III., whose sculptures cover the walls.

No cow has ever been found of such size and superb workmanship. The modelling is exquisite, and the distinctive characters of the Egyptian cattle of the present day are reproduced. The statue is uninjured except for a small piece of the right ear. The cow wears the special insignia of the goddess, the lunar disc between the horns surmounted by two feathers. There is so much life in her head that she appears as if about to step out of her sanctuary; when one approaches the place the effect is very striking.

The statue will be removed to Cairo as soon as possible, and the shrine also will probably be taken down and rebuilt in the museum.

"I BELIEVE."

In an art shop in Paris I saw a little bronze that embodied a great thought. It was a statue of a knight of the olden time. He was clad in mail. His good sword was at his side. His pose was one of conscious strength. His face was aglow with intensity of purpose. He lifted before him a scroll which bore for a legend the single word, "Credo." The lesson is not far to seek, comments Dr. C. L. Goodell. It is only when a man can say, "I believe" that he amounts to much in awakening faith in other men. If we urge men to enthrone Christ in their hearts, we must believe in his universal triumph, not in some other world, but in this world, which once rejected him, and to whose high places his pierced feet are already mounting.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

With our knowledge of the events occurring upon the earth, and with the final message of warning committed to our hands, we have responsibility to do quickly all that God enables us to do, such as was never before pressed upon any people. The providence of God echoes the cry from all the ends of the earth: "Why don't you hurry?" and people to whom this marvelous message is just coming wonder that it had not reached their ears sooner.

Heaven is hastening the message on, away beyond our own efforts and co-operation. The providence by which the standard is set so often far beyond our frontier lines serve notice upon us that the Lord expects us to quicken our steps. When he says, "Delay no longer," the inactivity which once delayed the work will only sever the slothful servant from the work.

God knows us better than we know ourselves. His wisdom, then, and not our frail emotions, should be our guide. "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

There are no training schools for good citizenship and for membership in the Church of Christ like those families of the olden time, in which industry, thrift and piety were daily taught and illustrated.

One of the hardest undertakings in life is the effort to benefit the man who has no desire to do right, and the difficulty is increased when he, confessedly, knows what his duty is. "Hear and your son's shall live," implies the disposition to hear. If a person manifests not this disposition the Savior dismisses the case in these words: "Ye would not come unto me that ye might have life."

The new life is not of man's merit, but of God's mercy.

We must press on to perfection; we can not drift there.



Every life is fragmentary until made complete in Christ.

"Oh, Lord, send a revival and begin in me, for Jesus' sake, Amen," is the battle-prayer of the Alexander and Torrey meetings.

Defend me, O eternal Father, not from my enemies, not from poverty, sickness or death, but from myself, from my weak will and lawless passion.—J. L. Spaulding.

It is when rooted in Christ that we bear the fruits of the Spirit. These fruits can not be imited successfully, and they can not be grow by any other kind of life than that which is united with Christ. But such a life can not help bearing them unconsciously, any more than a perfect tree can help bearing its fruit in season.

What difference does it make whether you are a cobbler or a priest, if men think of Christ when they see you? What difference does it make if God gives to you a higher honor than fame, a greater glory than to be conspicuous? The highest honor which God gives to man in this world is to be overlooked.—Alexander McKenzie.

It is related of a young lady that she bought a book, and read part of it with but little interest. Then she laid it aside. By and by she met the author, and a friendship succeeded, then betrothal. After that she took up the book again, and every chapter glowed with deep beauty, because she knew and loved the writer. Probably a little closer friendship and fellowship, and a more intimate acquaintance with the Author of the Bible would very considerably increase our interest in the reading of that blessed Book. Try it.

WISE REFLECTIONS.

*Respectfully submitted to all who call themselves
"moderate drinkers."*

If I drink what is called *moderately*, I may easily be led, like many others, to drink to excess, but if I drink *none at all* there cannot be the least danger possible.

If I drink *very little* I shall have little to *give up*, and shall find the change so much easier to make.

If I take *little* others who follow my example, being weaker, or not so careful as myself, may be led on to drunkenness, but if I *entirely abstain* I set an example which is safe for everybody to follow.

If I drink but a *little*, and keep a small stock for my friends in the way of hospitality, it will cost a considerable sum of money; but *abstinence* is a cheap system, and tends to promote economy among all over whom I may exercise influence.

If I drink intoxicating liquor at all I virtually praise the liquor, but if I *abstain* I raise a protest against it.

If I am ever so moderate I am identified with the drinking party and the drinking system, but if I abstain I connect myself with those who are working to save the country from its greatest foe.

If I take *my glass* I cannot heartily reprove the drunkard, nor recommend my own example to him, with effect, but if I am a *Teetotaler* I can do so with confidence, and a hope of success.

If I take but a *little* I am one remove from perfect sobriety, but if I take *nothing* stronger than water, milk, or tea, I shall always be perfectly sober.

For these reasons I have made up my mind to be a *Total Abstainer*.

From The Abkari.

THE HAND THROUGH THE BARS.

In a very interesting meeting of the Evangelistic Committee of Philadelphia, Mr. Asha, who is preaching the gospel in the saloons of the city, told of this services held at Moyamensing prison and the House of Correction. At the latter place about forty prisoners held up their hands for prayer. As they are not permitted to sit out in the corridors, but must listen through the iron bars of their cell door when the speaker urged all those within the sound of his voice to accept Christ and turn from their sins, he saw one graceful, delicately fashioned hand of a woman extended imploringly from her cell. She could not see the preacher, nor could the preacher see her. But she heard the message, and the message touched her heart.

LORD, TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS, THAT WE MAY APPLY OUR HEARTS UNTO WISDOM.

Our years are like the shadows—
On sunny hills that lie,
Or grasses in the meadows
That blossom but to die:
A sleep, a dream, a story
By strangers quickly told,
An un-remaining glory
Of things that soon are gold.
O Thou, Who cast not slumber
Whose light grows never pale,
Teach us aright to number
Our years before they fail,
On us Thy mercy lighten!
On us Thy goodness rest!
And let Thy Spirit brighten
The hearts Thyself hast blessed!
Lord, crown our faiths endeavour
With beauty and with grace,
Till clothed in light for ever,
We see Thee face to face:
A joy no language measures:
A fountain brimming o'er;
An endless flow of pleasures;
An ocean without shore.

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